

**GOVERNMENTAL NONPROFIT CORPORATION MEETINGS****AMENDMENTS**

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**LONG TITLE****General Description:**

This bill amends Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ allows a governmental nonprofit corporation to close a meeting to discuss a trade secret in certain circumstances; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**52-4-205**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 196

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **52-4-205** is amended to read:

**52-4-205. Purposes of closed meetings -- Certain issues prohibited in closed meetings.**

(1) A closed meeting described under Section 52-4-204 may only be held for:

- (a) except as provided in Subsection (3), discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual;
- (b) strategy sessions to discuss collective bargaining;
- (c) strategy sessions to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation;
- (d) strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property,

including any form of a water right or water shares, if public discussion of the transaction would:

(i) disclose the appraisal or estimated value of the property under consideration; or  
(ii) prevent the public body from completing the transaction on the best possible terms;  
(e) strategy sessions to discuss the sale of real property, including any form of a water right or water shares, if:

(i) public discussion of the transaction would:  
(A) disclose the appraisal or estimated value of the property under consideration; or  
(B) prevent the public body from completing the transaction on the best possible terms;  
(ii) the public body previously gave public notice that the property would be offered for sale; and

(iii) the terms of the sale are publicly disclosed before the public body approves the sale;

(f) discussion regarding deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems;  
(g) investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct;  
(h) as relates to the Independent Legislative Ethics Commission, conducting business relating to the receipt or review of ethics complaints;

(i) as relates to an ethics committee of the Legislature, a purpose permitted under Subsection 52-4-204(1)(a)(iii)(C);

(j) as relates to the Independent Executive Branch Ethics Commission created in Section 63A-14-202, conducting business relating to an ethics complaint;

(k) as relates to a county legislative body, discussing commercial information as defined in Section 59-1-404;

(l) as relates to the Utah Higher Education Assistance Authority and its appointed board of directors, discussing fiduciary or commercial information as defined in Section 53B-12-102;

(m) deliberations, not including any information gathering activities, of a public body acting in the capacity of:

(i) an evaluation committee under Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement Code, during the process of evaluating responses to a solicitation, as defined in Section 63G-6a-103;

(ii) a protest officer, defined in Section 63G-6a-103, during the process of making a

63 decision on a protest under Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Part 16, Protests; or

64 (iii) a procurement appeals panel under Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement  
65 Code, during the process of deciding an appeal under Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Part 17,  
66 Procurement Appeals Board;

67 (n) the purpose of considering information that is designated as a trade secret, as  
68 defined in Section 13-24-2, if the public body's consideration of the information is necessary in  
69 order to properly conduct a procurement under Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement Code;

70 (o) the purpose of discussing information provided to the public body during the  
71 procurement process under Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement Code, if, at the time of  
72 the meeting:

73 (i) the information may not, under Title 63G, Chapter 6a, Utah Procurement Code, be  
74 disclosed to a member of the public or to a participant in the procurement process; and

75 (ii) the public body needs to review or discuss the information in order to properly  
76 fulfill its role and responsibilities in the procurement process; ~~[or]~~

77 (p) as relates to the governing board of a governmental nonprofit corporation, as that  
78 term is defined in Section 11-13a-102, for the purpose of discussing information that is  
79 designated as a trade secret, as that term is defined in Section 13-24-2, if:

80 (i) public knowledge of the discussion would reasonably be expected to result in injury  
81 to the owner of the trade secret; and

82 (ii) discussion of the information is necessary for the governing board to properly  
83 discharge the board's duties and conduct the board's business;

84 ~~[(p)]~~ (q) a purpose for which a meeting is required to be closed under Subsection (2).

85 (2) The following meetings shall be closed:

86 (a) a meeting of the Health and Human Services Interim Committee to review a fatality  
87 review report described in Subsection 62A-16-301(1)(a), and the responses to the report  
88 described in Subsections 62A-16-301(2) and (4);

89 (b) a meeting of the Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel to:

90 (i) review a fatality review report described in Subsection 62A-16-301(1)(a), and the  
91 responses to the report described in Subsections 62A-16-301(2) and (4); or

92 (ii) review and discuss an individual case, as described in Subsection 62A-4a-207(5);

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(c) a meeting of a conservation district as defined in Section 17D-3-102 for the purpose of advising the Natural Resource Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture on a farm improvement project if the discussed information is protected information under federal law.

(3) In a closed meeting, a public body may not:

(a) interview a person applying to fill an elected position;

(b) discuss filling a midterm vacancy or temporary absence governed by Title 20A, Chapter 1, Part 5, Candidate Vacancy and Vacancy and Temporary Absence in Elected Office; or

(c) discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of the person whose name was submitted for consideration to fill a midterm vacancy or temporary absence governed by Title 20A, Chapter 1, Part 5, Candidate Vacancy and Vacancy and Temporary Absence in Elected Office.